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Letter dated 22 March 1995 from the Permanent Representative of Kazakhstan to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General

As the representative of the State in which a meeting of the Council of Heads of State of the Commonwealth of Independent States (CIS) was held on 10 February 1995, I have the honour to transmit herewith the text of a Memorandum on the maintenance of peace and stability in the Commonwealth of Independent States, signed by the Heads of State of CIS in Alma Ata on 10 February 1995 (see annex).

I should be grateful if you would have this letter and its annex circulated as a document of the General Assembly under item 81 of the preliminary list.

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Annex

Memorandum on the maintenance of peace and stability in the Commonwealth of Independent States, signed by the Heads of State of the Commonwealth of Independent States in Alma Ata on 10 February 1995

The States members of the Commonwealth of Independent States,

Guided by the historically established ties between them,

In the belief that the existence of unresolved conflicts between States members of the Commonwealth of Independent States is contrary to the fundamental principles on which the Commonwealth is based,

Expressing their commitment to the purposes and principles proclaimed in the Charter of the United Nations, the Conference on Security and Cooperation in Europe, the Charter of the Commonwealth of Independent States and the documents adopted within the framework of the Commonwealth, and considering that the maintenance of peace and stability in mutual relations between States is an essential condition for the functioning of the Commonwealth of Independent States, ensuring the economic, social and political development both of each State and of the Commonwealth as a whole,

Recognizing that the maintenance of peace both throughout the Commonwealth and in each of its States, within the generally recognized frontiers, is in the interests of the peoples of those States,

Declares as follows:

1. The States members of the Commonwealth shall refrain from exerting military, political, economic or any other form of pressure on one another.

2. The States which have signed this Memorandum intend, in accordance with their national legislation, to put a stop to the establishment and activities in their territory of organizations, groups or individuals directed against independence, territorial integrity and the inviolability of frontiers or towards the exacerbation of international relations or infringement from outside on the State structure of the States which have signed this Memorandum.

3. The States support the inviolability of one another's existing frontiers and are opposed to any acts which undermine their stability, and they shall settle all disputes arising on questions relating to frontiers and territories solely by peaceful means.

4. In the event of a situation arising which affects the security interests of any State which has signed this Memorandum, that State may request the other States members of the Commonwealth for an urgent consultation.

5. The States shall refrain from any direct or indirect interference in the internal affairs of another State member which has signed this Memorandum.

6. The States shall refrain from participation in alliances or blocs directed against any State member of the Commonwealth.

7. The States members of the Commonwealth shall, in their territory and in accordance with their national legislation and international standards, take measures to put a stop to any manifestation of separatism, nationalism, chauvinism and fascism.

They shall promote the dissemination of objective information about the social and political processes in the other States members of the Commonwealth.

8. The States bind themselves not to support separatist movements and separatist regimes in the territory of other States members if they arise; not to establish political, economic and other relations with them; not to allow them to use the territory and communications of other States members of the Commonwealth; and not to offer them economic, financial, military or other assistance.

9. The States shall support one another's efforts towards the further strengthening of confidence- and security-building measures between States members of the Commonwealth of Independent States.

Done at Alma Ata on 10 February 1995, in one original copy in the Russian language. The original copy shall be deposited in the Archives of the Government of the Republic of Belarus, which shall transmit a certified copy to each State which has signed this Memorandum.

For the Republic of Armenia
(Signed) L. TER-PETROSSIAN*

For the Azerbaijani Republic
(Signed) H. ALIEV

For the Republic of Belarus
(Signed) A. LUKASHENKO

For the Republic of Georgia
(Signed) E. SHEVARDNADZE

For the Republic of Kazakhstan
(Signed) N. NAZARBAEV

For the Kyrgyz Republic
(Signed) A. AKAEV

For the Republic of Moldova
(Signed) M. SNEGUR

For the Russian Federation
(Signed) B. YELTSIN

For the Republic of Tajikistan
(Signed) E. RAKHMONOV

For Turkmenistan
(Signed) S. MURADOV

For Ukraine
(Signed) L. KUCHMA

For the Republic of Uzbekistan
(Signed) I. KARIMOV

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* Taking into account the separate opinion of Armenia and excluding paragraphs 7 and 8. L. Ter-Petrossian.